

Bees and Honey

Maryland's honey production for 2000 totaled 276,000 pounds, unchanged from 1999, but down 10 percent from the 308,000 pounds produced in 1998.

The number of producing colonies, at 6,000, remained the same as last year. Yield per colony averaged 46 pounds, also the same as 1999.

Honey stocks on December 15, 2000 totaled 52,000 pounds, up 2,000 pounds from last year, but 43 percent below the 92,000 pounds held on

December 15, 1998. Stocks include only honey held by producers and do not include honey under loan.

Value of honey production for 2000 totaled \$315,000, down 30 percent from 1999's \$453,000.

The price received for Maryland honey in 2000 averaged \$1.14 per pound, down \$0.50 from the \$1.64 received for 1999's honey.

Maryland Honey: Production, Colonies, Stocks, and Value ¹

Year	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1993	7	27	189	77	\$1.47	278
1994	7	36	252	83	\$1.08	272
1995	7	35	245	81	\$1.03	252
1996	7	32	224	40	\$1.21	271
1997	6	40	240	65	\$1.59	382
1998	7	44	308	92	\$1.10	339
1999	6	46	276	50	\$1.64	453
2000	6	46	276	52	\$1.14	315

¹For Producers with 5 or more colonies.

² Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.